

August 2020 Legislative Committee – Carla Beattie

AORN Government Affairs Health Policy News:

2020 Legislative Recap – Surgical Smoke

AORN Legislative Committee reports that 2020 saw a surge in surgical smoke evacuation legislation, with AORN and its' members busy working on surgical smoke evacuation legislation in ten states across the country. In total, eight states – Oregon, Utah, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Connecticut - had legislation introduced before state legislatures adjourned. Additionally, AORN is working in two other states – Maryland and New Jersey – to lay the groundwork for policy change and legislation. More states are working to lay the groundwork for legislation in 2021.

The annual **Central Virginia Nurses Legislative Reception**, normally held in October, has not yet been announced.

The VNA 2020 **Legislative Summit** will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 10th.

The current **AORN Policy Agenda** can be found at <https://www.aorn.org/government-affairs/policy-agenda>

If you are interested in getting involved legislatively, AORN has a monthly National Legislative Forum conference call on the third Monday of every month.

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